

## Message Text

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TAGS: SHUM, PINT, SF  
SUBJ: S.A. HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

1. POST RECENTLY HELD SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PROFESSOR BHADRA RANCHOD REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIRST SOUTH AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN CAPE TOWN FROM 22-26 JANUARY 1979 (PROPOSED AGENDA BEING POUCHED ADDRESSEES). PROF. RANCHOD HAS EXPRESSED FEAR THAT THE SAG MAY OBSTRUCT THE CONFERENCE BY DENYING VISAS TO US AND OTHER OVERSEAS PARTICIPANTS. HE HAS PROVIDED DOCUMENTATION SHOWING THAT THE SAG DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS EXPRESSED NO OBJECTION TO THE CONFERENCE AND HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE OVERSEAS APPLICATION FOR VISAS. HOWEVER RANCHOD'S DOCUMENTATION, GOING BACK OVER A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, ALSO SHOWS THAT THE SAG DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS TO DATE NEGLECTED TO REPLY TO LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS ASKING THE DEPARTMENT TO APPROVE THE CONFERENCE IN PRINCIPLE AND ACCORD NECESSARY VISAS TO THE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS. THE ABSENCE OF ANY RESPONSE FROM INTERNAL AFFAIRS FORMS THE BASIS FOR RANCHOD'S FEAR THAT THE SAG MAY OBSTRUCT THE CONFERENCE.

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2. LISTED CONFERENCE SPEAKERS ARE:  
MR. P.J. AMOAH, UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA IN SWAZILAND  
PROF. CLYDE FERGUSON, HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
PROF. KAREL DOEHRING, UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG  
MR. ANTHONY LEWIS, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES  
MR. JACK BREENBERG, HEAD OF LEGAL DEFENCE FUND, NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLOURED PEOPLE  
PROF. RICHARD LILLICH, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
PROF. AMMON RUBENSTEIN, MEMBER OF THE KNESSET  
PROF. WALTER GELLHORN, EMERITUS PROFESSOR, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
PROF. FELIX ERMACORA, UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA  
COL. C.I.A.D. DRAPER, UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX  
DR. MICHEL VEUTHEY, IRC IN GENEVA

3. PERHAPS DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO CHECK WITH ONE OR TWO  
OF SCHEDULED U.S. SPEAKERS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY HAVE  
APPLIED FOR VISAS OR ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY.  
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